(b) As has been stated in part (a) (ii) above, revision of retention prices of every unit and product-wise is done during the pricing period and is notified under the retention price scheme. As such, the notifications are not statutory because it is not covered under any statutory scheme.

(c) Govt. has not come across any case wherein units that did not produce any SSP and also had no machinery, also received subsidy.

Atrocities on SC/ST in Andhra Pradesh

1098. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and registered in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons convicted and out of these how many were acquitted and the steps being taken in future?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The number of incidents of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Andhra Pradesh as now reported by the State Government during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 is as given below:—

1987	1988	1989
432	707	817

(b) The information regarding the number of persons convicted and acquitted is not available. However, the information regarding the number of cases in which conviction was awarded and the number of cases ending in acquittal is as given below.—

	1987	1988	1989
No. of cases ending in conviction	26	19	9
No. of cases ending in acquittal	90	100	65

Government has enacted the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the State Government has been advised to specify exclusive Special Courts and Special Public Prosecutors for trying atrocity cases under the Act effectively with a view to securing conviction of persons perpetrating atrocities and awarding them deterrent punishments.

Increase in educated unemployed

1099. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a cinsiderable increase in the number of educated unemployed persons in the country and if so, the State-wise break up as on the 31st June, 1990;

(b) whether any new steps have been taken by Government to remove unemployment from the country; and

(c) the funds, if any, allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Available information relates to the educated persons (Matriculates and above) registered with the Employment Exchanges, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed. Their number increased from about 14 million in 1985 to 17.5 million in 1988. Similar information for June 1990 is not available. State-wise distribution of educated persons regis-

tered with the Employment Exchanges as at the end of 1988 is shown in the enclosed statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Approach to the 8th Plan places Central thrust on Employment with the objective of achieving a state of full employment by the year 2000 AD.

Statement

Educated Persons (Matric and above) Registered with the Employment Exchanges as on **31-12-1988** *(Provisional)*

State/Union Territories	In Thousands
STATES:	
1. Andhra Pradesh	1495·0
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0·3
3. Assam	469·0
4. Bihar	1630·8
5. Goa	41.8
6. Gujarat	510.4
7. Haryana	313.6
8. Himachal Pradesh	231.4
9. Jammu & Kashmir	47.6
10. Karnataka	638·9
11. Kerala	1712·5
12. Madhya Pradesh	1116·3
13. Maharashtra	1627.2
14. Manipur	139.2
15. Meghalaya	9·6
16. Mizoram	11·0
17. Nagaland	12·8
18. Orissa	429.6
19. Punjab	298·1
20. Rajasthan	466·1
21. Sikkim*	..
22. Tamilnadu	1463·2
23. Tripura	46·7
24. Uttar Pradesh	1893·9
25. West Bengal	2238 8

UNION TERRITORIES:		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4·4
2.	Chandigarh	88 3
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.2
4.	Delhi (P)	515·4
5.	Daman & Diu**	..
6.	Lakshadweep	1·7
7.	Pondicherry	57·6
	TOTAL:	17511·8

NOTE: * No Employment Exchange is functioning.

** Data are not maintained.

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Subsidy for fruit orchards

1100. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any subsidy for fruit orchards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not provide any subsidy for fruit orchards. However, the State Governments are providing financial assistance to supply inputs such as fruit saplings, fertilisers, pesticides and plant protection equipments at subsidised rates which vary from State to State and crop to crop.

Targets of foodgrains production

1101. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets of production of foodgrains by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what is the shortfall, if any, in achieving the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The final estimates of production of foodgrains for 1989-90 are yet to be received from some of the States/Union Territories. However, according to the present assessment, the production of foodgrains during 1989-90 i.e. the last year of the 7th Plan is expected to be around 172.7 million tonnes in the country against the target of 175 million tonnes envisaged.

Allocation for IRDP

1102. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ARGICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount which has earmarked for the Integrated Rural Development Programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the amount earmarked for Andhra Pradesh and the schemes for which the amount was spent?